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THE VOTERS' ASSISTANT

The law repealing the Voters' Assistant Law failed to pass the House of Representatives last Monday, there being 17 votes in favor of the repeal and 15 votes in opposition with three members absent. As it requires 18 votes, a majority of the 35 members elected, to pass any measure, the repealer lacked one vote of the necessary number. Because Representatives Aspril of this District and Derrickson of the Fifteenth, voted in opposition to the measure, the vials of wrath of the "holier than thou" journals has been emptied upon their heads. The Evening Journal as was to be expected, went to greater lengths than any of these decriers. In an editorial headed "False to their oaths," it is particularly abusive.

All this trouble could have been averted and many hard words and thoughts saved, had the advocate of the repealer been honest in their demands for the suppression of bribery. As THE TRANSCRIPT pointed out several months ago and has consistently advocated, what is really needed is a simplification of the ballot, and not the so-called Rose bill. The same effort that has been thrown away upon the bombastic repealer would have probably passed unanimously a simple ballot law, providing that a voter could get his ticket either in or out of the election room, and that no person should accompany the voter nearer than thirty feet of the ballot box. But on such a measure there would have been no chance for certain men and papers to blow themselves. It would have been so plain and self-evident that all could have supported it. In place of this however the repealer is fixed up and introduced with a great fan fare as what was to be done to the Union Republicans, and as a consequence, the blowers are disgusted and are trying to hide their chagrin behind a volley of abuse.

The trouble with The Evening Journal as an organ is that it assumes to live on the higher moral plans and does not care to associate with those who do the work of qualifying, getting out, and instructing the voters. If it should get down into the ranks and put in only one campaign as an active party worker with the care and responsibility of only one election district, it could readily see that with the Australian Ballot it is absolutely essential that the voter, be he white or black, learned or unlearned, who does not feel able to so mark his ticket that it will express his sentiments about the men who are aspiring for office, shall have such assistance as he may require. Elections are held for the purpose of gathering the consensus of opinion of all the individual voters, and each individual has the right to have his opinions expressed and counted as expressed. Even with the Voters Assistant, more than five per cent of the voters of the Thirteenth Representative District were disqualified by having their ballots rejected for various reasons. What would have been the percentage without the assistants?

Since the above was written, the vote by which the repealer was defeated has been reconsidered, the House of Representatives has passed the repealer, and the Voters' Assistant will be a thing of the past, unless the Governor intervenes as it is altogether probable that the Senate will also pass the repealer. This change on the part of the House was due to Mr. Aspril changing his vote. This does not affect our opinion, and we hope the Governor will veto the repealer. It is not aimed at the root of the matter. When Mr. Aspril cast his vote on Monday against the repealer we believe that he represented the sentiment of a large majority of his constituents. In taking his new position we cannot help but think he has made a mistake.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT CAUSEWAYS
Several citizens of East St. Georges Hundred have assured us that our position in reference to the Silver Run, Augustine and Drayyers causeways is correct, and have asked if there is no way to remedy the matter. Of course, we appreciate the fact that these causeways are in

the Sixth Levy Court District, and consequently under the direct charge of the Commissioner representing this district. But if through lack of care and attention on his part the roads should be washed away or seriously damaged, the responsibility would justly be placed upon the Levy Court as a body. The members have had notice and have seen for themselves within a few months the condition of the roads and their needs. If they do not act in the matter the public will know who is to blame.

TOWN ELECTION

Next Monday the citizens of this town will elect three commissioners for the term of two years, an Assessor, Treasurer and Alderman, for the term of one year each. Not much interest has yet been injected into the contest, if one there be, but it may develop before two o'clock on Monday afternoon. The retiring commissioners are J. F. McWhorter and Charles H. Howell, the other vacancy being for the successor of G. W. W. Naudain, deceased, whose term would have expired. The present Board has justified the confidence reposed in them, and it is probable that Messrs. McWhorter and Howell will be re-elected.

WATER AS FUEL

The problem of finding a practical substitute for hard coal, which of late has commanded the attention of this country, has had several interesting solutions; but it is doubtful if any of them has been more novel or curious than that of a Boston gentleman, A. C. Carey. Mr. Carey, who is described in the Boston Globe as a skilled mechanic and the patentee of nearly 100 inventions of his own, proposes to use water, unmixed with any other substance as a fuel. In demonstrating his idea, Mr. Carey employs the Bunsen burner, invented many years ago by Prof. Bunsen, of Heidelberg, and by means of this burner he is able to claim, to get a flame as large as a bushel basket from a single drop of water. So much tubular arrangement as the Bunsen burner is necessary, in order to generate heat sufficiently intense to produce the desired result. By allowing the water to drip through the tiny flame arising from this tube into a piece of platinum, the gases contained in the water are released and combustion follows. Any kind of water will do, whether fresh or salt, pure or impure. All that is necessary, it appears, is to disintegrate the water, and nature does the rest. Although thoroughly confident that his scheme for burning water is, in every way, feasible and full of immense possibilities of development, Mr. Carey, who is now an old man, says that he feels hardly able to undertake the task of continuing his experiments and of carrying them to a successful termination. He is willing, however, to give the benefit of his discovery to science and to assist, so far as possible, in developing and perfecting the idea involved.

It should be said that the fuel which this Boston inventor would produce, and also his method of making it would bear no real relation to the product and manufacture of what are known as gas water and water gas, whose uses are well known, and which are, moreover, relatively unimportant when compared with the utility of the fuel which, it is claimed, can now be made from water by following the principle outlined above.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR

At the meeting of the trustees of the poor Wednesday Robert C. Fraim asked for the appointment of a committee to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature increasing the salaries of the trustees from \$36 a year to \$100 a year. Secretary Parker seconded the motion, George R. Roberts made vigorous opposition to the bill, the members were there to look after the interests of the poor; that he had accepted their positions knowing what the salary was and that it would not be in good taste for them to ask for an increased compensation. If they did not like the pay, they could retire from the board. And in case the motion should pass he requested the chairman not to appoint him on the committee, for he would be ashamed to go to Dover on such an errand. The motion was lost by a vote of 7 to 7. It was explained Wednesday night that the motion was made in a joking way.

The trustees at a caucus decided that at the April meeting they would vote for the retention of all the old officers and employees, who are: President, Dr. Columbus Henry; secretary, Joseph C. Parker; superintendent, B. F. Blackburn; matron, Mrs. Clara Blackburn; nurse, Miss Minnie O'Hallon; and Dr. B. Ferris; laundress, Sadie Sillitoe; watchman, George Groce; county physician, Dr. H. W. Briggs; coroner's physician, Dr. J. W. Bastian; attorney, James W. Lattimore.

RIVAL FORCES MEET

The warring factions of Delaware and New Jersey met in the Bellevue Hotel, Philadelphia, Tuesday, and over that hotel floated the milk white flag, the emblem of peace. At the head of the rival forces were Governor Hahn, of Delaware, and Governor Murphy, of New Jersey.

Jersey and Delaware have been at war ever since the American colonies broke away from the rule of George III. The bone of contention is the control of the Delaware river within a "twelve mile circle."

DEMOCRATS BLOCK THE DEAL

Dover, Feb. 27th.—The repeal of the voters' assistant bill will be far-reaching, and it is said will ensure the election of either Colonel H. A. Dupont, Congressman Ball, or General James H. Wilson to the United States Senate. It is said here that the eight Regulars who voted for the repeal of the bill attached their names to a paper to be exchanged for a similar one being signed by the Democrats and which to-day has upon it the names of sixteen of the necessary nineteen Democrats, agreeing to comply with the conditions as set forth yesterday. These are:

First, to repeal the voters' assistant law.

Second, to seat Senator Jefferson, Democrat.

Third, to leave open the short term senatorship.

It is said the Regulars will not repeal the bill in the Senate until the Democrats vote for the Regular for the long term. It is expected that the next move will be made on Monday.

Saulsbury Men Blocking Deal
The Democrats have been in conference nearly all morning.

Clements, McNulty, Monaghan, Morrison and Connolly are the five now holding out. They are all Saulsbury men. Difficulty was experienced to get Senator McNulty into caucus. He finally entered at the request of Senator Harrington at 11:30 o'clock. Not, however, until he had vehemently repulsed Lawyers Marvill, Wolcott and Chaytor, who persisted in soliciting him in the Senate chamber.

The noon recess interfered with the caucus, which adjourned until 1 o'clock. Representative Monaghan asked his Democrats associates for more time.

For To-morrow's Ballot
Senators Smith, Sparks and Pennell and Gehmann, Gooden and Pardee in the House will be left without pairs to conduct to-morrow's perfunctory balloting for senators.

To-day's Vote
To-day's vote resulted as follows:
Long term—Addicks, 21; Saulsbury, 21; H. A. DuPont, 8; Higginson, 2.
Total vote, 52; necessary to a choice, 27.

Short term—Addicks, 19; Kenney, 21; Higgins, 10; Hillis, 2; Richardson, 2.

The result of the proposition offered by the Democrats may result in the election of two Republican Senators by Republican votes.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

What the Law Makers Have Been Doing This Week

The House Wednesday unanimously adopted a joint resolution presented by Mr. Pardee in favor of the election of United States Senators by popular vote. Wednesday being the last day to receive new business there was an avalanche of notices. 128 new bills were given notice of. The previous number produced is 253.

The House Tuesday by a vote of 18 to 9 killed the bill prohibiting billiard, pool and bagatelle tables and shuffle boards in licensed saloons.

The anti-trading bill was reported unfavorably and the temperance cause received another black eye. Senators Allee, McNulty and Representatives Gehmann and Connolly have been appointed to investigate the Botkin murder case.

Senate bill authorizing the town of Dover to borrow \$30,000 for sewer was read and referred Tuesday.

Senator Allee gave notice of an act to give the State Board of Agriculture powers of an immigration bureau, looking to the bringing of immigrants to Delaware for employment in farm work.

Representative Pardee's bill to regulate the giving of prescriptions on which intoxicating liquor is to be secured, provides that they must say the liquor is for medical use, and give the name for whom it is prescribed, under the penalty of a fine of from \$10 to \$50.

House bill providing \$20,000 for an exhibit by Delaware at the St. Louis Fair was reported favorably.

For the lack of one vote the bill to repeal the voters' assistant law was defeated in the House Tuesday.

Mr. Gooden will introduce an act to provide that long term prisoners in Kent county may be confined in New Castle county workhouse.

Representative Flinn introduced the local option bill on Friday but the outlook is not very favorable as the act to prevent the sale of liquor in less quantities than one quart to be drunk off the premises was killed the same day.

The bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes was also killed.

The vote on the repealing of the voters' assistant law was reconsidered and the Democrats and Regulars passed the act repealing the same.

Democrats were signing an agreement to elect a regular Republican.

John Wheatley, John B. Bill and William C. Potts, all colored, of Smyrna, sent a communication to the Assembly asking that the management of the colored schools be taken away from the colored Commissioners and given to the County School Commissioners.

The House Wednesday by a vote of 22 to 10 passed the House bill enabling incorporated cities and towns to receive one-third the liquor license fees collected in said cities and towns.

Representative Cook introduced his bill which makes dogs personal property. Any person found guilty of shooting or poisoning a dog will be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction will be liable to a fine of double the value of the dog killed, or six months imprisonment. The theft of a dog is regarded the same as that of any other property.

Mr. Holcomb introduced a bill authorizing the Trustees of the New Castle Commons to borrow the sum of \$15,000. Mr. Price, of the Committee on Fish, Oysters and Game, reported the Flinn bill, which provides for the protection of food fish and terrapin in certain parts of the Christina creek, unfavorably.

The House passed Senator Pennell's bill incorporating the Bridgeville Trust Company, and providing for a branch at Greenwood. The capital stock is \$25,000.

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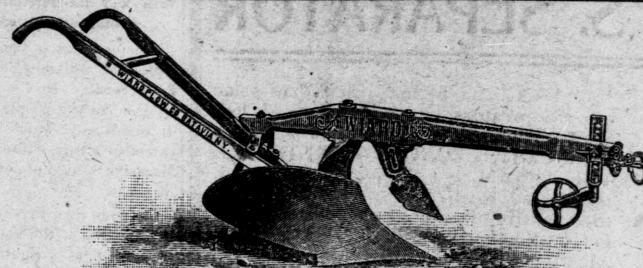
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For Newark, 7:30, 7:50, 8:30 and 11:00 a. m.;
For Philadelphia, 7:30, 7:50, 8:30 and 11:00 a. m.

Mails close as follows:
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 5:30 p. m.,
5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Newark, 7:30 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 5:30 p. m.,
For Philadelphia, 7:30 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 5:30 p. m.,
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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 28, 1903.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.

WANTED.—A correspondent for THE TRANSCRIPT in the town of Odessa.

A postal card to J. C. Alston will bring you good fresh milk every morning.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

The Weather Bureau predicted rain for last Sunday. The unexpected happened—the day was fair and cool.

A splendid lot of Red Cedar Posts for wire fence at right price.

G. E. HUKILL.

The sale of mules at the Middletown Hotel on Thursday drew a large crowd of our farmers to town, but only a few of the 30 head offered were sold.

Saturday was the first anniversary of the wonderful sleet storm of February 21st, 1902, the like of which was rarely if ever seen before in this country.

All of the local coal dealers have large quantities of anthracite coal on hand at the present time, which they are retailing from \$6 to \$7.50 per ton, according to size.

The new time table of the steamer Clio will be found in this issue. The people of this community are always delighted to hear of her resuming her semi-weekly trips.

WANTED.—Good canvasser for unoccupied territory: free outfit; cash each week for whole or part time. Western New York Nursery Co., Dept. 2, Rochester, N. Y.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5; Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

To-morrow, (Sunday) will be observed in Bethesda M. E. Church, as the annual Missionary Day. All the members and friends of the Church are requested to be present at these services.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., desires a full attendance at their regular weekly meeting next Wednesday night, as business of much importance will be brought before the lodge.

WANTED.—A young or middle-aged man, well acquainted with the retail Hardware and Stove business. Apply with references and wages to MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

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Herring having arrived in the Delaware and Chesapeake canals in great quantities and a number of large catches were made on Saturday. It will be a matter of a few weeks when they will make their way in the local market.

The new 150-horse power boiler which arrived about six weeks ago for use in the light and water plant, will be put in operation next week, and the patrons of the plant are promised better service after it is placed in operation.

We have on hand and will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once. J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

NOTICE.—Cabbage plants for sale cheap. Grown from trust seed of Jersey Wakefield. Big Charleston Wakefield. Will sell in large or small lots. Those wanting plants will do well to write me. JOSEPH W. TAYLOR, Mapleville, Va.

The public roads of this section are almost impassable at this time, and our merchants are feeling the result of their condition, as many of the farmers who live some distance from town, do not come so frequently to do their shopping and it is a great loss to business.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Total Abstinence the Only Safe Rule." Dan. 1:8-15; 1 Thess. 5:22; 1 Pet. 2:11. Miss Eliza R. Hurn.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 19th: Mrs. Millie Davis, Miss Rose Jackson, Miss Hattie Jones, Miss Gertrude Seaward, Mrs. M. R. Wilson, John Boyer, John Hae, T. J. O'Connor, (Postal Card), Samuel Waters.

A girl passing down Main street one evening recently, was heard to make this remark about the girls who have been every night: "I don't see what on earth they talk about every night; it keeps me guessing to think of something for one night in the week, and Charlie always leaves early, too."

Special services will be continued next week in the Forest Presbyterian Church every evening except Saturday evening. The Rev. Joseph B. Turner, of Dover, will preach on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. The Pastor's class will meet in the library room of the church this afternoon at half-past two o'clock. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, March 8th. All are cordially invited.

By breaking a glass in one of the large show windows of the store of Messrs. Baris & Fogel, at the corner of Main and Broad streets, Saturday night, thieves gained an entrance and carried away two suits of men's clothing. So far nothing but the clothing has been missed and the opposition is that the thief was after an extra suit of clothing only, but after finding it no convenient device to take an extra one along. There is no clue to the robbery, and in all probability there never will be, unless the thief should be discovered wearing the clothing.

FOR RENT or SALE.—One Lot on Lake street. Apply to Mrs. B. T. Boggs.

The melo drama, "Circumstantial Evidence," will be the attraction at the Middletown Opera House on Wednesday evening, March 4th. This company comes highly recommended, and is under the personal management of Mr. Gus Sun, who has the reputation of always giving you the best. Tickets on sale at W. S. Letherbury's.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow is "Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. What Christ teaches about blessedness." Matt. 5:1-12. Miss Berenice Metten, leader.

Mr. John Fortner has rented the meat market on North Broad street formerly conducted by Mr. George N. Dickinson, and is now conducting two meat stores in our town. This is an old established meat market, and Mr. Fortner will undoubtedly meet with the same success in his North Broad street store that he has attained at the old stand on Main street.

Deputy Supreme Archon, William A. Gallaher, installed the following officers of Welcome Conclave, No. 256, Improved Order Heptasophs, last night: Archon, Edward S. Jones; Provoost, P. L. McWhorter; Secretary, J. Gaylord Bragdon; Treasurer, Edward Reynolds; Treasurer, Joseph C. Parker; Pastmaster, George D. Kelley; Inspector, Gideon E. Hukill; Warden, M. X. Willis; Sentinel, John S. Crouch. After the installation the members and guests were banqueted at Kates' restaurant, and a most beautiful menu was served.

Wednesday was the beginning of Lent, the season in the Christian world of penitence and self-denial. For the next forty days society will be in sack cloth and ashes. The women will wear their plainest clothes and attend church services regularly and their diversions will be of the mildest nature.—For those who make up the social whirl, Lent is a season of rest, and many go to fashionable resorts to find it and incidentally to mingle with their kind. Certain it is that gayeties are practically suspended and church going will be in order for forty days. In Catholic Church, Wednesday morning were blessed and distributed the ashes which symbolize the prostration of penitence and mark the opening of the Lenten season of forty days to Easter Sunday, in which Sundays are not included. The observance of Lent is becoming more common among an increasing number of religious denominations although the matter of fasting has lessened in this country owing to climatic, social and economical conditions and the bishops are allowed a large latitude of discretion in enforcing the observance.

The town election to be held on Monday next, March 2d, will in all probability be a hotly contested one. The terms of Messrs. J. F. McWhorter and Charles H. Howell expire and the vacancy caused by the death of the late G. W. W. Naudain is also to be filled, making in all three Commissioners to be elected, and while Messrs. McWhorter and Howell do not care to be re-elected, their friends are insisting on their remaining in the fight. Messrs. Joseph C. Jule, William J. Wilson, Harry L. Davis, Clarence Scott and George E. Wilson are candidates for Commissioners, and their friends are working hard for their election. For Assessor we have only one of two candidates, Messrs. Joseph A. Suydam and Albert Price. While Mr. Edward Reynolds has no opposition for Town Treasurer, and Squire Alfred G. Cox is the only candidate for Alderman.

Notable snowstorms during the month of February occurred in this section of the last twenty years on February 4th, 1882, a foot deep; February 14th, 1885; February 26th, 1887; February 17th, 1893, and February 13th, 1899, the last being one of the greatest snowstorms in the county's history. It began on Saturday afternoon, February 11th, reaching its height on Monday, February 13th. Business was at a standstill, the roads were blocked and no mail reached here for nearly a week.

MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION. Mr. Gilpin Massey came to town on Thursday and won the Club's medal by one target in the twenty-five target event. The total scores follow:

| Event | No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | Average |
|------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|
| No Targets | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 | 25 | 10 |
| G. Massey | 5 | 9 | 24 | 7 | 55 | 46 | 818 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ed. Massey | 5 | 5 | 23 | x | 45 | 33 | 733 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pearson | 3 | 2 | 18 | 4 | 55 | 27 | 491 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnard | 9 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 55 | 46 | 836 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

MAY CONFERE BYRNE

WASHINGTON, February 25th.—William Michael Byrne, whose nomination as United States District Attorney for Delaware was reported adversely by the Senate Committee on Judiciary some weeks ago, will be confirmed by the Senate if the matter comes to a vote during the present session.

A member of the Judiciary Committee said to-day that the tide of Senatorial sentiment had so far turned that confirmation was certain.

To Fight Trust. Sussex County farmers are going to fight the tomato trust. Instead of growing tomatoes for the canners at \$7 or \$8 a ton or selling to independent buyers they will erect factories and can the tomatoes grown by them. A co-operative association has been formed and in one section about 3,000 acres of tomatoes will be grown for the farmer's cannery at Stokeley.

Bishop Coleman to Ordain. Rev. Dr. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of Delaware, will conduct confirmation services in St. Peter's Church, Smyrna, Sunday morning, May 10th, fourth Sunday after Easter. That afternoon Bishop Coleman will officiate at St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, and at St. Anne's Church, Middletown, in the evening.

Meeting of Creditors. John Dinger, of Odessa, having been declared a bankrupt, in the United States Court, on February 11th, on his own petition, a meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Arthur W. Spivey, held in bankruptcy, on March 2d.

Death of an Infant. Sunday afternoon, Hilda May, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Burke, living at Smyrna Landing, died after a few days illness of bronchial pneumonia. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Gilbreath officiating. Deceased was the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton, of this town.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE. Tuesday, March 3d, 1903.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Charles E. Salomon, on his farm, on the road from Summit Bridge to Chesapeake City, one mile from Summit Bridge. William S. Smith, auctioneer.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. W. H. Brady is on the sick list. Mr. Benjamin Wilson, of Elkton, spent Monday in town.

Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., was in the Quaker City Saturday.

Mr. Wallace M. Holten has accepted a position in Georgetown.

Miss Lizzie Price is visiting her mother at Cecilton who is very sick.

Mr. Warren Cochran, of Washington, D. C., was in town on Monday.

John Jones and little daughter are visiting relative in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. C. Sitter was the guest of Philadelphia friends the first of the week.

Miss Frances Holten is visiting her niece, Mrs. Harry Shapley in Smyrna.

Miss Sadie Flinn, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. Sarah Gill this week.

Mrs. Fannie Howell Lockwood is being entertained by friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Eliza Jones spent Sunday with Miss Josephine Salmon at Summit Bridge.

Mrs. E. W. Barnard spent several days of this week with friends in the Quaker City.

Our enterprising florist, Mr. E. J. Steele is confined to the house with the nupts.

Mrs. H. Y. Parvis spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. A. C. P. Reynolds, at Golla, Md.

Mrs. E. T. Craddock, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kates on East Main street.

Mrs. Robert B. Jones, of Philadelphia, attended the funeral of Mrs. Alexander Maxwell, yesterday.

Mr. T. Gilpin Massey, of Wilmington, was in town Thursday in attendance at the Massey-Scott wedding.

Miss Eliza R. Hurn was the guest of Wilmington and Philadelphia friends several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker on Sunday.

Miss Jennie Jones who has been employed in Salisbury, Md., for sometime is expected home this evening.

Mrs. Harry Petherbridge and Mrs. Yanters, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox.

Mrs. E. W. Caswell, of New York City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones, on East Main street.

Mr. E. S. Jones who has been confined to his bed for the past week, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. D. Warren Wilson and Miss Ida Davis, of Elkton, Md., attended the funeral of Mrs. Alexander Maxwell, yesterday.

Mr. Irving Metten, of Philadelphia, spent several days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten.

Misses Clarissa Richards and Bessie Brink, and Mr. Grubb, of Wilmington, and Mr. John Crossland, of St. Georges, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott, of Lewes, accompanied by their daughters, Misses Margaret, Martha and Marie, attended the Massey-Scott wedding on Thursday, and are being entertained by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Scott.

MRS. ALEXANDER MAXWELL.

"In the midst of life we are in death" was startlingly illustrated in the death of Mrs. Alexander Maxwell who died suddenly at the National Hotel at two o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. Maxwell returned from Washington about four weeks ago suffering from a slight attack of lagrippe, and although she had about recovered from this malady, it had left her heart considerably affected. She had had several attacks of acute indigestion, but was apparently much better on Monday, and did not retire until 10:30 P. M., and after chatting with Mr. Maxwell about the morrow for a long time, fell asleep.

Suddenly at 1:30 A. M. Mr. Maxwell was awakened by her strange breathing, and receiving no response to his inquiries, hastily turned on the light, only to see her breath her last breath. Although satisfied the end had come, Mr. Maxwell hastily summoned the attending physician, but only to be assured that his conclusion was true. We are informed by Dr. C. A. Ritchie the attending physician that heart trouble was the cause of her death, and that the end would have come just the same had she been walking on the street.

The news of her sudden death was a great shock to her many friends in this community, as few people knew of her illness. Mrs. Maxwell was in her 70th year and had a devoted husband, one son and four sisters to mourn her sudden death. Deceased was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church, and took an active part in Church work, and in her death the community loses one of its most beloved christian ladies.

Funeral services were held at the National Hotel Friday afternoon at one o'clock; interment being made in Forest Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Joseph Biggs, A. G. Cox, J. B. Ford, J. B. Mesick, T. E. Hurn and N. J. Williams.

WILLIAM ROGERS

Mr. William Rogers a former resident of Calver, Md., and for 30 years postmaster of that town, died in Washington, D. C., on February 24, aged 75 years. He leaves a large circle of friends in and around Calver, and three children Messrs. William C. and F. B. Rogers, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Ella G. Whitaker, of Calver. Interment was made in the M. E. Cemetery in Calver, Md., on February 26th.

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TOWNESEND NOTES

Mrs. George Atwell, of near Chester-town, Md., is visiting Mrs. G. M. D. Hart.

Mr. Victor Atwell who has been suffering for sometime with pneumonia is now improving.

Miss Katy Hutchison spent several days of the past week with Mrs. Everett Rose, of Odessa.

Mr. Sharpless, of Landenberg, Pa., spent Sunday with his daughter, Miss Anna Sharpless.

Mrs. William Daniels who has been making an extended visit in Philadelphia returned home Saturday.

Stump Corner school has been closed this week on account of the sickness of the teacher, Miss Anna Platt.

Miss Anna Sharpless, teacher of the primary room of Townsend school, who has been ill for sometime is improving.

As Mr. W. H. Hutchison was coming into town last Monday his horse became frightened and ran away. The buggy was demolished and Mr. Hutchison received some severe bruises.

WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK

MASSEY-SCOTT

Miss L. Katherine Scott and Mr. S. Enslin Massey were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Thursday at high noon by the Rev. L. E. Barrett, D. D., at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, on North Broad street. It was a beautiful wedding. The house throughout was decorated with pink carnations and smilax and the air was laden with the perfume of roses in rare abundance. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families of the contracting parties and a few invited friends.

The bride wore a gown of easter crepe de chine over tulle silk, and was attended by the ushers Messrs. Warren Elliott, of Wilmington, and Clayton Carson, of Towson, Canada. After the marriage ceremony luncheon was served and every appointment was in exquisite taste.

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